

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
WATER RESOURCES STUDY COMMITTEE



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I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE

The Water Resources Study Committee (WRSC) is established by IC 2-5-25-1. Under IC 2-5-25-5, the WRSC shall study and may make recommendations concerning all matters relating to the surface and ground water resources of Indiana, including the following:

- (1) The usage, quality, and quantity of water resources.
- (2) Issues concerning diffused surface water, the common enemy doctrine of law, and runoff.

The WRSC conducted all activities to discharge its responsibilities.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM AND TESTIMONY

The Legislative Council did not assign a specific topic for interim 2012. The WRSC held 2 meetings as follows:

- (1) August 28, 2012 (Lafayette, IN)

This was a joint meeting with the Natural Resources Study Committee. The Committees heard testimony from Purdue University faculty and members of the public relevant to the impact of drought conditions and water management. DNR reported on water resources availability, management, and distribution programs. Members of the Indiana Invasive Species Council reported on the Council's objectives, organizational structure, and strategic plan.

- (2) October 2, 2012 (State House, Indianapolis, Indiana)

DNR presented a status report on the Great Lakes Compact. The Committee also heard testimony from members of the public in support of a tax exemption for the sale of drainage tiles.

All meeting minutes and exhibits can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>

III. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee was unable to adopt findings or recommendations and will not file a final report due to lack of quorum at the final meeting.